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LUMBER PRODUCTION 1942 - NEW ENGLAND**

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Sawmills in the six New England States produced an estimated cut of 1,042 million feet, as compared to 975 million reported in 1941, or a 7 percent increase. This increase, however, may reflect more complete reporting in 1942 than in 1941.

Lumber production by species and states is tabulated on the reverse side of this sheet. White pine, which makes up 63 percent of the total cut, shows a 13 percent increase over 1941. It is used in some quantity for boxes, which are now in great demand for shipping all kinds of war supplies. The production of oak, which is needed for ship timbers and truck bodies, increased 21 percent.

The table shows also the number of active sawmills in each state. In 1941, Maine and Vermont were not canvassed 100 percent in the field, but only by mail. It is significant that these two states show decided increases in the number of active sawmills. The other states which were canvassed 100 percent both in 1941 and 1942 show a drop in the number of active sawmills. Though New Hampshire shows an increase in lumber production in spite of a loss in number of active mills, part of the increased production in 1942 for New England as a whole is a tabular increase only, because some mills now known to have been active in 1941 did not report last year.

Monthly production figures obtained by surveys of sample sawmills started last October showed a decided drop in production during the last quarter of 1942. Such a good showing for the entire year as presented here indicates high production during the early part of 1942.

The canvass of 1942 lumber production is being conducted by the Bureau of the Census and the Forest Service cooperatively, in order that complete and accurate information may be made available to the War Production Board as promptly as possible. A similar preliminary release will be issued for the Middle Atlantic States as soon as the field check of mills which is now under way has been completed.

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Lumber Production, New England, 1942[1/]
(Preliminary Statistics - Subject to Revision)

	Conn.	Maine	Mass.	N.H.	R.I.	Vt.	New England 1942	New England 1941
Mills cutting 50 M Feet or More			Thousand(M) Board Feet					
Softwoods								
Balsam Fir		2,951		341		3,122	6,414	7,376
Hemlock	2,860	47,071	11,817	28,970	153	18,842	109,713	113,773
Spruce	1,004	50,386	8,531	17,728		39,603	117,252	129,686
White Pine	4,588	256,203	66,418	279,111	4,953	42,765	654,038	575,949
Other	52	1,834	62	380		933	3,261	3,709
Total	8,504	358,445	86,828	326,530	5,106	105,265	890,678	830,493
Hardwoods								
Ash	57	1,380	762	298		551	3,048	3,590
Basswood	16	490	519	191		2,574	3,790	3,454
Beech	191	1,103	1,848	3,062		7,562	13,766	12,016
Birch	202	23,844	2,094	18,761		14,242	59,143	58,115
Maple	509	4,249	3,082	9,156		18,871	35,867	35,021
Oak	8,282	7,878	4,769	4,185	452	1,797	27,363	22,482
Other	298	153	624	43		1,060	2,178	4,086
Total	9,555	39,097	13,698	35,696	452	46,657	145,155	138,764
Total Softwood & Hardwoods	18,059	397,542	100,526	362,226	5,558	151,922	1,035,833	969,257
Mills Cutting Less than 50M ft.	764	1,595	1,689	781	241	972	6,042	6,156
Total All Mills 1942	18,823	399,137	102,215	363,007	5,799	152,894	1,041,875	
Total All Mills 1941	18,627	341,175	114,614	344,315	9,273	147,409		975,413

								Total
			Number of Mills 1942					
50M ft. or more	58	467	204	359	16	257	1,361)	1,636
Less than 50M ft.	43	62	84	35	7	44	275)	
			Number of Mills 1941					
50M ft. or more	55	409	218	372	18	229	1,301)	1,575
Less than 50M ft.	31	56	96	39	11	41	274)	

1/ Forest Service, Department of Agriculture in cooperation with Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.